

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 79

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 111

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 79—Relative to the Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 79, Hayashi. Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 580, between Strobbridge Avenue and East Castro Valley Boulevard, as the Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai of Castro Valley was born April 6, 1973, and grew up in Big Bear in San Bernardino County, where he developed a love for everything outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to attend the University of California at Berkeley, where he received a degree in 1996 in forestry and natural resources and also worked as a community service officer; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the university, Daniel Sakai spent a year in Japan teaching English; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai attended the Oakland Police Department Academy, where he met his soulmate and future wife, Jennifer; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai quickly rose to the rank of sergeant of police and served the Oakland Police Department in various roles, including as a patrol officer, canine handler, patrol rifle and academy firearms instructor, and special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team member; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai was described as a “special young man who was clearly a born leader. He was committed to public service and making a difference in other people’s lives”; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Sakai was also described as a “person that everyone looked up to and wanted to be. He had the highest ethics”; and

WHEREAS, The best day of Daniel Sakai’s life was on March 31, 2005, when his daughter JoJiye was born; and

WHEREAS, On March 21, 2009, Sergeant Daniel Sakai was killed, along with another SWAT team member, Sergeant Ervin Romans, when the SWAT team attempted to apprehend a suspect that had earlier in the day shot and killed Sergeant Mark Dunakin and mortally wounded Officer John Hege,

both of the Oakland Police Department, during a traffic stop; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby recognizes the contributions made by Sergeant Daniel Sakai of the Oakland Police Department to the people of the State of California and hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 580, between Strobridge Avenue and East Castro Valley Boulevard, as the Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.